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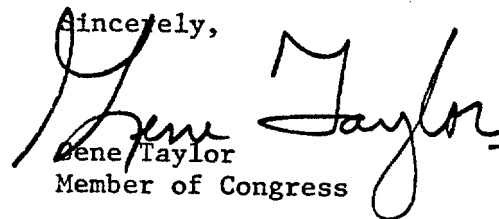
Dear Director Colby:

Enclosed is a letter from a constituent of mine who has forwarded to me a newspaper column written by Jack Anderson pertaining to the training of police by the Central Intelligence Agency and the Agency for International Development.

I would appreciate your comments on the article and Mr. White's letter so that I might be provided with a basis for reply.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely,


Gene Taylor
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Dear Mr Taylor:

Subject Sabotage.,

The Jack Anderson column in today's Joplin Globe discloses Government activities in the Dirty Trick Department that could make Watergate look like a Sunday School Picnic.

Incredible as it seems, one of our Government Agencies was running a 'Bomb School' in Panama during the Kennedy Administration. The course included instruction on the most up to date demolition techniques with plastic explosives, the improvisation of explosives with bomb potential from readily available ingredients, and last of all- DETONATING DEVICES IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEACTIVATE once placed.

These facts were known to the Miami Police Department and the Florida division of F.B.I.

I worked with the Florida Police Department as their consultant with regard to the circumvention of these deadly devices in close co-operation with their capable police officer Captain Brady. Several of the government sponsored detonating devices were unearthed by him before being put to use, and others were traced to New York City and presumably gathered up there with like efficiency.

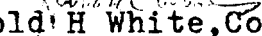
The Miami gang was rounded up by Captain Brady's division with co-operation of the local F.B.I. and jointly, we were able to get them convicted for long terms in the Federal Prisons.

It was mutually agreed upon not to publicise details of the government sponsored course of education for reasons that should be obvious, however, I personally informed our congressman by means of a confidential memo and have heard nothing more about the project until Jack Anderson's recent disclosure.

I would like to suggest that instruction regarding the manufacture and application of explosive devices, if still being broadcast as the news item seems to indicate, be discontinued- and the author or director of the project be placed under close observation.

It is to be hoped that (unlike the original operation in Latin America), the provision of 'Samples' to graduates be discontinued.

Yours Sincerely


Harold H White, Consultant

Explosives and Blasting Effects.

CC. Personal & Confidential to Bernard Kakuskie, Chief
of Police, Joplin. Mo.

Jack Anderson

CIA Bomb School

WASHINGTON — Bomb and booby-trap experts from the Central Intelligence Agency have been quietly training foreign police to make explosive devices at an isolated federal school in Texas. The tutelage is so dubious that the Pentagon has refused to have anything to do with it.

The cloak-and-dagger professors are on loan from the CIA to the Agency for International Development, which runs the school at the Border Patrol Academy in Los Fresnos, Tex.

The existence of the school was first depicted in the movie "State of Siege" in which foreign police were shown being trained to use bombs and booby traps against political opponents. But because the film was propagandistic, few took seriously the reality of the "terror school."

Dubious but curious, Sen. James Abourezk, D-S.D., began a quiet investigation. His confidential findings raise disquieting questions about America's police aid to military juntas.

In one memo wrung from AID by Abourezk, Assistant Administrator Matthew Harvey concedes that the Defense Department refused to teach the bomb course when it was set up in 1969. Therefore, "the Central Intelligence Agency agreed to provide guest lecturers for this portion of the training program."

At the secret school, he says, demonstrations are given of "the construction, use and counter-measures against homemade bombs and explosive devices used by criminal terrorists." The foreign police also get graphic lectures on booby traps, "incendiaries" and other lethal devices. To defuse and dispose of bombs, explains Harvey, a police officer first has to learn all about them.

The documents obtained by Abourezk show that most of the 165 policemen trained at the school come from military-backed regimes such as those in Brazil, Guatemala, Thailand, Uruguay, Panama and El Salvador. Only a thin blue line of cops is trained for the democracies.

AID officials explained to us that they have had fewer requests for the "Technical Investigations Course" from democracies. The bomb-building course, they add, is only part of the curriculum at the Texas hideaway. The visiting police are also taught bomb squad organization, record keeping and a course called "Press Releases and Press Relations."

At the CIA, a spokesman said the decision to help with the anti-bomb courses was associated with terrorist attacks on American personnel and facilities in foreign lands. The courses are now being reviewed.

Silent Treatment — Last year, the four foolhardy Cubans on the Watergate squad

were willing to blindly follow their ringleader, E. Howard Hunt. Now they hold him in silent contempt.

He had been their charismatic CIA superior whom they called by the code name "Eduardo." He was a soft-spoken romantic who was able to stir them.

Upon his hush-hush orders, they broke into the offices of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, no questions asked, not even knowing the identity of their victim until ten minutes before the burglary.

They they followed Hunt's directions into the Watergate. After their arrest, he told them to keep silent about the Ellsberg caper, and their lips were sealed.

They had planned to plead not guilty and appeal to the jury for understanding. But at that time, the White House wanted to avoid a public trial. Hunt advised them to plead guilty, and overnight they changed their plan.

The Cubans sometimes quarreled among themselves, but all four swore by Hunt. They wept with him when his wife was killed in an airliner crash. They would have died for him.

Then the sordid Watergate story was spread across the front pages. They found out that Hunt had collected tens of thousands of dollars in behalf of the Watergate defendants. But only a few paltry payments ever reached them. He used most of the money to pay his own legal expenses.

He is now prepared to testify against the Cubans, whom he recruited to break into Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office, in return for immunity for himself.

But perhaps the last straw was the deal he wangled from the Senate Watergate Committee. In return for his cooperation, the committee arranged for him to be removed from jail into spacious, comfortable quarters at Ft. Holabird, Md. Our sources say he occupies his time playing checkers and chess.

The four Cubans, meanwhile, are still behind bars. They saw him as he was cashing a \$100 money order just before checking out of jail. As a gesture of contempt, Eugenio Martinez pulled his empty pockets inside out. Then they watched together in cold silence as the sheepish Hunt was led away.

FOOTNOTE: The latest irony is that Hunt, despite all the hush money that passed through his hands, has set up a defense fund for himself. No less than famed columnist William Buckley, a friend of Hunt, has loaned his good offices to assist with the collection. In contrast, Cuban friends are struggling to raise a few hundred dollars for the forgotten four through a Watergate Relief Fund at the Bank of Miami.

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